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of fees in accordance with the NRC Comprehensive Records Disposition Schedule.

§ 9.29 Appeal from initial determination.

(a) A requester may appeal a notice of denial of a Freedom of Information Act request for access to agency records, denial of a request for waiver or reduction of fees, or denial of a request for expedited processing under this subpart within 30 calendar days of the date of the NRC's denial. For agency records denied by an Office Director reporting to the Executive Director for Operations, the appeal must be in writing and addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. For agency records denied by an Office Director reporting to the Commission, the Assistant Secretary of the Commission, or the Advisory Committee Management Officer and for a denial of a request for a waiver or reduction of fees, or denial of a request for expedited processing, the appeal must be in writing and addressed to the Secretary of the Commission. For agency records denied by the Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, the appeal must be in writing and addressed to the Inspector General. The appeal should clearly state on the envelope and in the letter that it is an "Appeal from Initial FOIA Decision." The NRC does not consider an appeal that is not marked as indicated in this paragraph as received until it is actually received by the Executive Director for Operations, Secretary of the Commission, or the Inspector General.

(b) The NRC will make a determination on any appeal made under this section within 20 working days after the receipt of the appeal, except an appeal of the denial of a request for expedited processing will be determined within 10 working days after receipt of the appeal.

(c)(1) If the appeal is denied in whole or in part, the Executive Director for Operations or a Deputy Director, the Secretary of the Commission, or the Inspector General, as appropriate, will notify the requester of the denial, explaining the exemptions relied upon

and how the exemptions apply to the agency records withheld.

(2) If, on appeal, the denial of a request for expedited processing or for a waiver or reduction of fees for locating and reproducing agency records is upheld in whole or in part, the Secretary of the Commission will notify the person making the request of the decision to sustain the denial, including a statement explaining why the request does not meet the requirements of § 9.25(e) (1) and (2) or § 9.41.

(3) The Executive Director for Operations, or a Deputy Executive Director, or the Secretary of the Commission, or the Inspector General will inform the requester that the denial is a final agency action and that judicial review is available in a district court of the United States in the district in which the requester resides or has a principal place of business, in which the agency records are situated, or in the District of Columbia.

(d) The Executive Director for Operations, or a Deputy Executive Director, or the Secretary of the Commission, or the Inspector General will furnish copies of all appeals and written determinations on appeals to the Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Officer.

§ 9.31 Extension of time for response.

(a) In unusual circumstances defined in § 9.13, the NRC may extend the time limits prescribed in § 9.25 or § 9.29 by not more than 10 working days. The extension may be made by written notice to the person making the request to explain the reasons for the extension and indicate the date on which a determination is expected to be dispatched.

(b) An extension of the time limits prescribed in §§ 9.25 and 9.29 may not exceed a combined total of 10 working days per request, unless a requester has agreed to an alternative time frame as described in § 9.25 (c).

§ 9.33 Search, review, and special service fees.

(a) The NRC charges fees for—

(1) Search, duplication, and review, when agency records are requested for commercial use;

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(2) Duplication of agency records provided in excess of 100 pages when agency records are not sought for commercial use and the request is made by an educational or noncommercial scientific institution, or a representative of the news media;

(3) Search time that exceeds two hours and duplication of agency records of more than 100 pages for requests from all other categories of requesters not described in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section;

(4) The direct costs of searching for agency records. The NRC will assess fees even when no agency records are located as a result of the search or when agency records that are located as a result of the search are not disclosed; and

(5) Computer searches which includes the cost of operating the Central Processing Unit for the portion of operating time that is directly attributable to searching for agency records plus the operator/programmer salary apportionable to the search.

(b) The NRC may charge requesters who request the following services for the direct costs of the service:

(1) Certifying that records are true copies;

(2) Sending records by special methods, such as express mail, package delivery service, courier, and other means other than first class mail; or

(3) Producing or converting records to formats specified by a requester other than ordinary copying processes that are readily available in NRC.

§ 9.34 Assessment of interest and debt collection.

(a) The NRC will assess interest on the fee amount billed starting on the 31st day following the day on which the billing was sent in accordance with NRC's regulations set out in § 15.37 of this chapter. The rate of interest is prescribed in 31 U.S.C. 3717.

(b) The NRC will use its debt collection procedures under part 15 of this chapter for any overdue fees.

§ 9.35 Duplication fees.

(a)(1) The charges by the duplicating service contractor for the duplication of records made available under § 9.21 at the NRC Public Document Room

(PDR), One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1F23, Rockville, MD are as follows:

(i) Paper-to-paper reproduction is \$0.15 per page for standard size (up to 11' × 14'). Pages 11' × 17' are \$0.30 per page. Pages larger than 11' × 17', including engineering drawings, are \$2.50 per square foot.

(ii) Color drawings are \$2.00 per 8½' × 11' page. Pages larger than 8½' × 11' are \$12.00 per square foot.

(iii) Microfiche-to-paper reproduction is \$0.15 per page. Aperture cards are \$2.50 per square foot.

(iv) The charges for Electronic Full Text (EFT) (ADAMS documents) copying are as follows:

(A) Electronic Full Text (EFT) copying of ADAMS documents to paper (applies to images, OCR TIFF, and PDF text) is \$0.15 per page.

(B) Electronic Full Text (EFT) copying of ADAMS documents to CD-ROM is \$10.00 for the first document on the CD-ROM and \$5.00 for each additional document per accession number on the same CD-ROM.

(C) CD-ROM-to-paper reproduction is \$0.15 per page.

(v) Priority rates (rush processing) are as follows:

(A) The priority rate is offered for standard size paper-to-paper reproduction, microfiche-to-paper reproduction, electronic full text (EFT) copying of ADAMS documents to paper, and CD-ROM-to-paper production at \$0.20 per page. The priority rate for standard size color prints is \$2.50 per print. The priority rate for color drawings larger than 8½' × 11' is \$15.00 per square foot.

(B) The priority rate for aperture cards is \$3.50 per square foot. The priority rate for electronic full text (EFT) to CD-ROM is \$15.00 for the first document on the CD-ROM and \$7.50 per each additional document on the same CD-ROM.

(vi) Facsimile charges are \$0.30 per page for local calls; \$0.50 per page for U.S. long distance calls, and \$1.00 per page for foreign long distance calls.

(2) Self-service duplicating machines are available at the NRC Public Document Room for the use of the public. Paper to paper copy is \$0.08 per page. Microfiche to paper is \$0.10 per page on the reader printers.